

4. "Not easily provoked." 1 Cor. 13 : 5. Do not mind a few snubs. Expect them. Never bear the least ill-will or act coldly to any who may be rude to you. Persever in kindly words and ways to any and all who are unkind to you. Pray for these, and make them know you love them. Remember, the servant is not greater than his Lord.

5. "Bear one another's burdens." Gal. 6 : 2. Take a real, kindly interest in the families you visit. Find out if they attend any place of worship. Get them to attend somewhere. Sympathize in their joys and sorrows. Be ready to help them whenever you can.

6. "Be courteous." 1 Pet. 3 : 8. Do not forget this rule in your desire to be helpful and friendly. When you meet with snubs, with decided refusals, leave politely. Pray for an open door. Leave flowers for the sick child. Kindly inquire after the invalid. Ever remember "the nearest way to the heart is round by the throne of God."

7. "Not in vain." 1 Cor. 13 : 58. Have faith in God that will bless your work in his name. Never let Satan persuade you your visit has done no good if it was for Christ and his church. Jesus accepts all work done "in his name" if the people reject it. Nothing is ever lost which is done for the Lord.—*Morning Star*.

#### FINDING AND BRINGING

It was Simon Peter who Andrew brought to Christ. We do not hear much in the New Testament of Andrew's after history, but if he had never done anything else than lead his brother to the Lord, it was worth living for just to do that ; and when we get to heaven we shall see that the luster of Peter's crown casts special radiance on Andrew's face. When we read of the conversions on the day of Pentecost, of the heroic protest before the council, of the conversion of Cornelius, and, above all, when we peruse those two precious letters which Peter has indited, let us not forget that, humanly speaking, but for Andrew Peter would not have been himself a Christian. Doubtless God could have called him by some other instrumentality, but He made use of Andrew to teach us the lesson that, in doing the good that lies in our hands, we may at length really do more for the church than we could have effected by more ostentatious effort in other places. Let the lowly and timid, therefore, take courage. They may not have shining talents or commanding position, yet by working where they are they may be honored in bringing to Jesus some who shall take foremost places in the church, or become leaders in some missionary or evangelistic movement.

Many of the greatest men that the church has known have been converted through the agency of individuals all but unknown. A humble Dissenting minister, whose name was scarcely heard of a few miles from his manse, was honored to be of signal service to Thoman Chalmers in the crisis-hour of

his history ; and I have heard Mr. Spurgeon tell how he was led to the Lord by a sermon preached by an unlettered man in a Primitive Methodist chapel.

Some of the greatest theologians the church has ever seen, and some of the most useful ministers who have ever lived, have been made and molded by so common a thing as a mother's influence. Robert Pollok, whose "Course of Time" used to be a household book throughout Scotland, said once of his poem, "It has my mother's divinity in it." Mother, will you take note of that ? Many a time you have regretted that you could not take part in any public work for Christ, by reason of the bond that held you to your boy. Regret no more, but bring that boy to Christ, and he will live to do his own work and his mother's too ; and when the crown is placed upon his head its diamonds will flash new glory upon your countenance.

The sum of what we have been saying, then, is this : that each of us should begin to do all that he can, where is he, for Christ. But if we would succeed in that effort we must be sure that we have already found Him for ourselves. A minister had preached a simple sermon upon the text, "He brought him to Jesus," and as he was going home his daughter, walking by his side, began to speak of what she had been hearing. She said, "I did not like that sermon." "Well," inquired her father, "whom are you going to bring to Jesus ?

A thoughtful expression came upon her countenance as she replied, "I think, papa, that I will just bring myself to Him." "Capital !" said her father ; "that will do admirably for a beginning." This, brethren, is the true starting point. We must be good if we would do good. Bring yourselves to Jesus, therefore ; and as iron by being rubbed upon a magnet becomes itself magnetic, so you, being united to Christ, will become partakers in His attractive power, and will draw men with "the cords of a man," which are also "the bands of love."—*William M. Taylor, D. D.*

#### SELECTED GEMS

Slowly, through all the universe, the temple of God is being built. When, in your hard fight, in your tiresome drudgery, or in your terrible temptation, you catch the purpose of your being, and give yourself to God, and so give Him the chance to give Himself to you, your life, a living stone, is taken up and set into that growing wall.—*Phillips Brooks*.

It has been in the power of those who hold the truth, having means, knowledge, and opportunity enough, to have evangelized the globe fifty times over.—*Earl of Shaftesbury*.

A tongue never silent whenever an opportunity offers to confess the Christ its owner loves, is a powerful tool that every Christian should possess.

Prayer at fixed times is of value only as it leads us to pray at all times.

## The Sunday School

### FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW

*From Sunday School Journal.*

#### Home Readings

Jesus Tempted. Matt. 4 : 1-11.

Beginning of the Ministry of Jesus. Matt.

4 : 17-25.

The beatitudes. Matt. 5 : 1-12.

How to Pray. Matt. 6 : 5-15.

Our Father's care. Matt. 6 : 24-34.

Warning and Invitation. Matt. 11 : 20-30.

Jesus and the Sabbath. Matt. 12 : 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matt. 16 : 16.

#### Lesson Outline

I. Recall the titles and Golden texts of the lessons.

II. Name one important teaching of each lesson.

III. State the leading facts in the lesson in which the following principal characters appear :

1. A rabbi and a publican.
2. A hungry man and Satan.
3. A dancing girl and a dead prophet.
4. A prophet and a beloved Son.
5. A group of twelve men.
6. A hungry company and an infirm man.

IV. Draw an outline map of Palestine, and locate the following places :

1. The wilderness of the temptation.
2. Jerusalem.
3. The Sea of Galilee.
4. The Mount of Beatitudes.
5. Capernaum.
6. Tyre and Sidon.

V. What is the chief lesson which has come to you in the studies of the quarter ?

#### Heart Talks on the Lesson

1. In the beginning of the year we heard a voice and its message, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Has his way been open in our hearts ? If so, then coming spring days will be for us indeed "the time of the singing of the birds."

2. We followed Jesus into the wilderness and saw how fully able he is to sympathize with us and help us in every temptation because he has himself suffered being tempted. Have we tested his help and sympathy in every time of need ?

3. Do you recall how Jesus proved himself not only our divine Saviour, but also our brother and friend as he went among the poor, the sick, and the sorrowful to comfort and heal them ? Has his love for us won our love in return ?

4. Which one of us has shown most highly a light in the world, "you in your little corner, or I in mine ?"

The soft, little light of a peacemaker ; the bright shining of a pure heart ; the steady flame of a meek spirit ; the encouraging light of one true to Jesus in the face of the world's frown or smile—how blessed if we have all been shining so for him !

5. Have we learned better than we ever